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1. There is no mobilization alert and no unusual requisitioning of food from the farmers in the Nevrokop area which includes Kormica (sic) and Breznitsa.
2. A few reserve officers (school teachers) from the above area were called up for a normal one month training course. This has been done since 1948 to acquaint reserves with Soviet weapons which are in short supply but will eventually be supplied to all military units in this area. These reserve officers also are given instruction on handling the Soviet standard tommy gun, standard infantry triline rifle and the Soviet mortar that has a maximum range of eight kilometers.
3. On 20 July, 39 Regiment Headquarters in Nevrokop was scheduled to go on night maneuvers in the Sadovo area which is the normal training place.
4. The entire Pirin mountain area from the Greek border to a line on the Struma river to the north of Breznitsa was very quiet with no signs of unusual activity. Between 27 and 28 June the Koprivlen-Gaitaninovo-Paril-Goleshovo-Katuntsi secondary road along the Greek border carried no motor traffic. Between 1-3 July the Nevrokop-Pirin-Katuntsi-Petrich secondary road carried no motor traffic. This road is mostly used by the military between Nevrokop and Petrarch. The Nevrokop-Bansko main road carried an average of six motor trucks per a twenty-four hour period from 4-10 July. There were no signs of any convoys from 26 June to 17 July.
5. During May and to 20 June, elements of 39 Regiment and 200 Militia continually searched the Pirin mountains for members of the resistance groups.

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